

MINUTES

**CITY OF DELANO
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vallejo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – Avenue.

INVOCATION

Mayor Vallejo asked for a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

Students of the Delano Union Elementary School District Honor Band led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Aguirre, Chavez, Morris, Pascual, Vallejo
Council members absent: none

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Reyna, City Attorney Garcia, City Clerk Kraft, Finance Director Rios, Police Chief DeRosia, Associate Engineer Nunez, Human Resources Director Zamudio, Economic Development Specialist Castro

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Music in Our Schools Month, National Association for Music Education

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Janet Rabanal, Delano Chamber of Commerce, thanked City employees who helped with the Earth Day Walk and Car Show for Relay for Life. She also thanked Sunset Waste Management for their help.

Richard Markham, 315 Dover Drive, stated we need bike lanes.

Lena Mae Jones, 1116 Lexington Street, thanked the city for the Martin Luther King Jr. Park. She asked how long it will be before we get the new senior center.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Authorization to waive the reading of any ordinance or resolution in its entirety and consenting to the reading of such ordinances or resolutions by title only
- 2) Warrant Register in the amount of \$1,475,622.12

- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of March 3, 2014
- 4) Approve Councilwoman Morris travel to Ontario to attend League of California Cities 2014 Policy Committee meeting, April 4, 2014
- 5) Adopt resolutions approving the class specification of Utilities Services Billing Worker and the revised Miscellaneous Employee Salary Tables adding Utilities Services Billing Worker. Resolution #2014-23 adopting the class specification of Utility Services Billing Worker; Resolution No. 2014-24 adopting the revised Miscellaneous Unit Salary Schedule for fiscal year 2013/14 and rescinding Resolution No. 2013-73; Resolution No. 2014-25 adopting the revised Miscellaneous Unit Salary Schedule for fiscal year 2014/15 and rescinding Resolution No. 2013-74
- 6) Resolution No. 2014-26 of the City Council of the City of Delano adopting the revised class specification of the Economic Development Specialist
- 7) Approve of City sponsorship of a job search workshop to be held at the Civic Center, in the amount of \$302.40
- 8) Resolution No. 2014-27 of the City Council of the City of Delano authorizing the submittal of the Creative California Communities Program Grant Application to the California Arts Council and authorizing the city manager to execute all required documents
- 9) Award contract for the Lexington Sewer Lift Station Rehabilitation Project to Brough Construction Inc. in the amount of \$140,550 and authorize the Mayor to sign the construction contract Agreement No. 2014-26
- 10) Reject all bids for the 2013 Various Streets Rehabilitation, Resurfacing & Shoulder improvements Project STPCML-5227(045) and direct the City Engineer to re-advertise
- 11) Reject all bids for the 2013 Various Streets Rehabilitation, Resurfacing & Shoulder improvements Project STPCML-5227(046) and direct the City Engineer to re-advertise
- 12) Ratify the HGAC buy contract VE11-13 to purchase twenty (20) 2014 Ford Utility Police Interceptors from Silsbee Ford which as absorbed Philpott Motors in the amount of \$498,360 (purchase from Philpott Motors approved by Council March 3, 2014)

Roberto Ibarra asked that Item #4 be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with item #4 pulled for discussion.

Item #4) Mr. Ibarra asked what the benefits of Councilwoman Morris attending the meeting are to the city. Councilwoman Morris explained what the League of California Cities is and what purpose the committee serves. Mr. Ibarra was informed that Councilwoman Morris attended a previous meeting and reported what was discussed at a council meeting.

Moved By Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Pascual and unanimously carried to approve agenda item #4.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 13) Public hearing #2014-04: Receive comments related to unmet transit needs that may exist and can be reasonably met within the City of Delano

Ms. Zamudio presented the staff report.

Mayor Vallejo asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

Mayor Vallejo closed the public hearing.

Moved by Councilwoman Morris, seconded by Councilman Chavez and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-28 of the City Council of the City of Delano declaring there are no unmet transit needs that can be reasonably met within the City of Delano.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 14) Contract negotiations with Kern County Fire Department for continued fire protection services with the City of Delano

Ms. Reyna presented the staff report.

There was discussion. Mr. Garcia noted that this will be a five year agreement and no changes can be made unless both parties agree. He does not recommend any term longer than five years. He stated that the Fire Department became aware of the disparity in the amounts charged to different cities for services provided and is working to resolve those issues. It was noted that the level of service has never been an issue.

Mayor Vallejo stated that Supervisor Gleason has requested a committee be formed to review the formula and process used by the county to determine what all the cities pay. Councilman Aguirre has been invited by Supervisor Gleason to serve on that committee.

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris and unanimously carried to accept staff's recommendation that the city accept Kern County Fire proposal and the final contract be brought back before the current contract expires.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Chief DeRosia reported on the County Line Road vendors. He stated he and City Manager Reyna have met with Tulare County staff regarding a JPA to allow city staff to cross the county line and enforce laws. He provided a phone number: 559-624-7060, that citizens can call regarding vendors on the Tulare side of County Line Road.

Ms. Zamudio reported on the recruitment process for police officers. She explained the process and noted it takes about four months to fill a vacancy. She stated that most officers leave to move closer to their home or for salary reasons.

Mr. Garcia reported on the Chevron Barn project. Because Home Depot was not working with the developers, the city started the eminent domain process. Staff is now in negotiations with Home Depot, and should have something this week.

Ms. Reyna reported on Block H. The State had the Long Range Plan for disposition of RDA property under revision. Staff is working with Urban Futures to make those revisions. It should be brought to the Successor Agency in April and then it will go to the Oversight Board for approval. After that, it will go to the State for further review. The State review should take four to six months for final approval.

Ms. Reyna reported on solar energy for the City. Staff has met with a couple of solar vendors and given them access to our Edison account for evaluation. She also met with staff in the City of McFarland and toured their solar project. That will start production the end of this month. McFarland will give us information on their savings. Staff will bring this item back to council at a later meeting. Staff will also work with Edison and have them look at any proposals.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilman Aguirre stated that Mr. Garcia has been with the city one year and thanked him for his service.

Councilwoman Morris thanked the committee for the work done on the City Walk. She encouraged everyone to do some kind of exercise.

Councilman Chavez thanked council members for making strong choices for Delano. He stated he is glad to see collaboration between the City and the Chamber of Commerce and is looking forward to new ideas.

Councilman Pascual thanked staff for all they do and noted the city is making great strides. He noted that council members hears what the people say and cares about them.

Mayor Vallejo agreed with all statements made by the council members. She congratulated Ms. Reyna on her negotiations with Kern Fire. She added that council will always fight to provide the best service to the public for the best dollar.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Aguirre, and unanimously carried that the City Council adjourn to Closed Session at 6:42 p.m. The City Clerk was excused. Mayor Vallejo was appointed Acting City Clerk. The City Attorney and City Manager were asked to remain.

- 15) Conference with legal counsel: Update on claim of Jose Luis Zamora pursuant to govt. code section 54961

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris and unanimously carried to reconvene in Open Session at 6:57 p.m. Mr. Garcia provided a report on closed session as follows:

- 15) Information was provided. No reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Aguirre, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk